(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments for setting up of the Old Age Homes;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) what are the details of the Old Age Homes that have been set up, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Government has not finalized any scheme for financial assistance to the State Governments for setting up of the Old Age Homes.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Old Age Homes

†4121. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Old Age Homes being run in the States, as on date, during the last three years;

(b) the number of Old Age Homes for which assistance is demanded by the organizations; and

(c) the amount sanctioned during the above said period for the expenses of the Old Age Homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Details of Old Age Homes (OAH) which have been assisted under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons and the amount sanctioned during last three years are given below:—

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
No. of OAHs	320	287	240
Amount (Rs. in lakh)	1182.54	1059.67	1105.42

Post-Matric scholarship for OBC students in Maharashtra

4122. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes is a fully Centrally sponsored scheme and the Maharashtra Government has requested for reimbursement of funds for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount released, so far, and yet to be released, as on 31 st March, 2008; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure quick release of funds to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.